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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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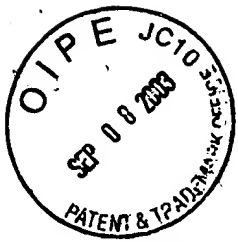
Sir:

The remarks below are submitted in response to the outstanding non-final Office Action dated June 5, 2003, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 3, 1999 with claims 1-25. Claims 6, 7, 17, 18, 23 and 25 were canceled in an amendment filed on March 7, 2003. Claims 1-5, 8-16, 19-22 and 24 are thus currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 12 and 24 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8-16, 19-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,233,271 (hereinafter "Jones") in view of pages 266-269 of a textbook by R.H. Katz entitled "Contemporary Logic Design" (hereinafter "Katz").



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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Office Action.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the response. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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